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SUBJ: NIGERIAN COUP: SITREP 4

REF : LAGOS 7218

1. PRESS JULY 30 REPORTS THAT SPECIAL MILITARY AIRCRAFT WERE SENT TO STATE CAPITALS YESTERDAY TO PICK UP MILITARY GOVERNORS, MEMBERS OF SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL AND SENIOR ARMY OFFICERS FOR MEETING IN LAGOS. "NEW NIGERIAN" REPORTS THAT ONE OF PLANES BROUGHT BRIGADIER MURTALA MOHAMMED FROM KANO ALONG WITH LAGOS STATE GOVERNOR MOBOLAJI JOHNSON AND GENERAL HASSAN KATSINA YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

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2. FMG HAS ASKED ALL WORKERS RETURN NORMAL DUTIES TODAY. TRAFFIC AND ACTIVITY IN STREETS IS NORMAL.

3. NEW HEAD OF STATE MOHAMMED SCHEDULED MAKE SPEECH TO NATION THIS EVENING AT 1900 LOCAL.

4. "DAILY TIMES" THIS MORNING REPORTS IT SOURCES AT SUPREME HEADQUARTERS SAY THAT MOHAMMED, OBASSANJO, YUSUF, DANJUMA, ADELANWA AND YISA DOKKO (LAGOS 7222 NOTAL) WILL FORM SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL "FOR THE MOMENT." PAPER GOES ON TO REPORT THAT ALL MAJOR GENERALS, MILITARY GOVERNORS (INCLUDING ADMINISTRATOR EAST CENTRAL STATE), FORMER HEADS OF THE SERVICES INCLUDING INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE AND HIS DEPUTY ARE TO "GO ON RETIREMENT." PAPER SAYS ONLY MEMBER OF FORMER SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL THAT IS NOT TO BE RETIRED IS COMMANDER NIGERIAN DEFENCE ACADEMY, KADUNA, BRIG. I. D. BISSALA.

COMMENT: APPEARS THAT COUP IS CHANGING OF GUARD, WITH MORE JUNIOR TROOP COMMANDERS TAKING OVER FROM RANKING MEMBERS NIGERIAN MILITARY. WHETHER NEW GOVERNMENT WILL BE REFORM MOVEMENT TO CLEAN OUT CORRUPTION OR WILL HAVE ANY PARTICULAR IDEOLOGY NOT YET CLEAR. PERHAPS TONIGHT'S SCHEDULED RADIO/TV BROADCAST WILL GIVE US INDICATION. SOME OF OUR PRELIMINARY THOUGHTS ON NEW LEADERSHIP FOLLOW SEPTTEL. UK HICOM REPORTS GROUP GENERALLY FAVORABLY DISPOSED TOWARD WEST, PARTICULARLY UK. CROSBY

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